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It's been a very quiet week on the auction front. I hope you all are enjoying your summer. I know I am!

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I've spent most of the week working on my inventory and preparing it for VCoins, as well as for my site. At the moment I have well over 100 coins in stock. While most of my inventory are Greek coins, I also have a nice variety of Roman and Byzantine. I'm preparing for the upcoming Denver show by having all my material ready for viewing. At a time when the auction houses are relatively quiet please take a look at the inventory of independant dealers. There are many nice coins out there for sale for reasonable prices.

Leu Numismatik Web Auction 1 (closes June 18, 2017/UPDATE closing June 25, 2017)

According to Yves Gunzenreiner there was a time-zone issue that forced this auction to be rescheduled. I did not hear of any interest in the auction among customers but just for your knowledge should you want to jump on and buy anything.

Roma E-Sale 37 (closes June 24, 2017)

This auction is tomorrow morning so I don't expect to hear from anyone but if you decide at the last minute you want something just give me a holler. I will be up at 6:30 a.m. to bid.

CNG ESale 400 (closes June 28, 2017)

CNG is auctioning off 830 lots of ancient and world coins. I'm planning to participate as always in this auction so please do let me know if you need any help.

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The coin this week is a lovely denarius of the empress Julia Paula.

Julia Paula, Augusta and wife of Elagabalus. 219/20 AD. Rome. AR Denarius, 3.41g (20mm, 6h). IVLIA PAVLA AVG Draped bust of Julia Paula to right, her hair in three waves and bound up in a queue at the back. Rev. CONCORDIA Concordia seated left on throne, holding a patera in her right hand; to left, star in field.

Price: \$1,200

Julia Cornelia Paula had the misfortune to be married to the eccentric emperor Elagabalus. Her marriage was short-lived undoubtedly due to the identity confusion that plagued Elagabalus. Her father, Julius Paulus was of Greek descent and a high official in Roman society. In 219 AD, Julia Maesa, the grandmother of Elagabalus and sister of Julia Domna, wife of Septimius Severus, arranged the marriage between the two. The wedding was a lavish affair and the union was celebrated among the Roman elite. After only a year the marriage ended in divorce and Elagabalus took the bold and scandalous step in marrying a vestal virgin, Aquilia Severa. This act was to align himself, who he considered a disciple of the eastern sun god El-gabal, with the virgin goddess Vesta. Adding insult to injury, Elagabalus took the title of Augusta away from his ex-wife and ultimately her fate is unknown after that point. After Julia Paula, Elagabalus had two more unions (one with Annia Faustina and a second with Aquilia Severa whom he was urged to divorce and then later remarried).

References: BMC 172. Cohen 6. RIC 211

Grade: EF

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!

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